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By: **Chairman, Judiciary Committee (By Request - Maryland Judicial Conference)**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Civil Proceedings - Size of Jury**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of jurors allowed in a jury trial of a civil
4 action; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to
5 altering the size of a jury in a civil action.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
8 Section 8-306
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2002 Replacement Volume)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

14 8-306.

15 In a civil action in which a jury trial is permitted, the jury shall consist of AT
16 LEAST 6 jurors.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be
18 construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have
19 any effect on or application to any jury trial begun before the effective date of this Act.

20 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
21 effect October 1, 2003.